

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-17 (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The rear view mirror of claim 46 ~~30~~, where the mirror arm engaging surface is adapted to engage mirror arms with a substantially circular or multi-sided cross section with a diameter of between substantially 16 mm and substantially 28 mm.

19. (Currently Amended) The rear view mirror of claim 46 ~~30~~, where the depth of the V-shaped recess is such that when a mirror arm with a substantially circular or multi-sided cross section with a diameter of substantially 28 mm is engaged, the mirror arm does not contact the base.

20. (Previously Presented) The rear view mirror of claim 19, further comprising means for securing the mounting to a rear view mirror and in which the clamping means comprise a cap, the internal dimensions of which are greater than the mounting so that the cap can be placed over the mounting and a pair of fasteners passed through the cap and into sockets provided in the mounting.

21. (Previously Presented) The rear view mirror of claim 20, where the cap is provided with a mirror arm engaging surface comprising a substantially V or U-shaped recess.

22. (Previously Presented) The rear view mirror of claim 21, where the recess in the cap is substantially 28 mm wide.

23. (Previously Presented) The rear view mirror of claim 22, where the V or U-shaped recess in the cap is provided with re-entrant cut-outs to engage the corners of polygonal cross-section arms.

24. (Previously Presented) The rear view mirror of claim 23, where the arms are of square cross-section.

25. (Currently Amended) The rear view mirror of claim ~~46~~ 30, where the mounting is releasably attachable to said rear view mirror and the clamping means comprise a central fastener which passes through an aperture provided on the mirror arm with which it is to be used and provided in the base of the mounting and through an aperture provided in the back of the rear view mirror, which it is attached by securing means.

26. (Previously Presented) The rear view mirror of claim 25, where the fastener is in the form of a bolt which is provided with a socket in its head adapted to receive the secured fastener of an outer clamping member.

27. (Previously Presented) The rear view mirror of claim 26, where the outer clamping member has a substantially flat mirror arm engaging surface and a hand grip portion.

28. (Previously Presented) The rear view mirror of claim 27, where the central bolt is provided with a shaped head to allow release by a suitably shaped tool.

29. (Currently Amended) The rear view mirror of claim ~~46~~ 30, where the mounting is secured to the mirror with which said mounting is to be used by a universal joint.

30. (New) An external rear view mirror of a vehicle, comprising:

a mirror mounting; a reflector; and a back, said mirror mounting being mounted on said back for connecting said rear view mirror to an external mirror mounting arm located externally on the vehicle and having a length which has a polygonal or a circular cross-section, said mounting having an open recess in which the mirror mounting arm is located, said recess having a planer base which provides a mirror mounting arm engaging surface, the cross-section of said open recess being substantially rectangular and the planer base forming a long side of said rectangular recess, said long side having ends, each of the ends of said long side joining an end wall perpendicular to said long side, said end walls being arranged in parallel planes so that the end walls have surfaces facing towards each other; a V-shaped recess in said planer base to receive a mirror mounting arm, having a polygonal or a circular cross-section; the width of said V-shaped recess being less than the length of said long side such that a flat section of said long side remains on each side of the V-shaped recess and extends up to the adjacent end wall to receive a mirror mounting arm of polygonal cross-section selected from a square or a rectangle; said V-shaped recess having two surfaces which are angled at 120° to each other and extend up to the planer base; and clamp means provided on said mounting which engage said mirror mounting arm and clamp said mirror mounting arm to said planer base.